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- 1. IN FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH HIJRI, WE GAVE HIM
 TO UNDERSTAND THAT DHEW/RSA HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT
 THE OAPAM DRAFT FOR AN AMENDED PROJECT PROTOCOL, AS
 CHARACTERIZED REF A. IN RESPONSE TO OUR PROBES ON
 ULTIMATE OAPAM INTENTIONS, HIJRI STATED OAPAM DID NOT
 WISH TO HAGGLE OR BARGAIN OVER ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
 AND TO EXTENT THAT THEIR SUGGESTED CHANGES CAUSED US
 LEGISLATIVE OR OTHER PROBLEMS, THESE COULD BE WITHDRAWN.
 HIJRI SAID HE BELIEVED HE WAS ALSO SPEAKING FOR DOUMOU
 (WHOM WE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN UNABLE TO REACH).
- 2. EMBOFF INFORMED HIJRI THAT RATHER THAN PROCEED TO NEGOTIATION OF NEW PROTOCOL ON BASIS OF LATEST OAPAM DRAFT, AND IN VIEW OF CERTAIN NECESSITY OF UPDATING THE PROJECT PROGRAM IN ANY FUTURE REVISED ACCORD, IT WOULD BE BETTER, IF OAPAM SO DESIRED, TO USE RICHTERMAN/COTE VISIT FOR FULL DISCUSSION OF ALL ISSUES INVOLVING PROJECT AND THEN SEE WHERE BOTH SIDES STOOD. HIJRI LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FULLY CONCURRED WITH THIS APPROACH AND MADE IT HIS OWN.
HIJRI SAID HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR VISIT AT ANY TIME
FROM NOW UNTIL JUNE ALTHOUGH HE COULD NOT BE ABOSLUTELY
SURE OF DOUMOU'S SCHEDULE. (NOTE: AT LAST MEETING
DOUMOU SAID HE EXPECTED TO BE HERE THROUGHOUT MAY.)

3. EMBOFF ASKED HIJRI TO CONVEY SENSE OF OUR DISCUSSION

TO DOUMOU. HIJRI ALSO INFORMED THAT EMBOFF WOULD REPORT OUR CONVERSATION TO DEPARTMENT AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH TO ADVISE FURTHER REACTION.

4. COMMENT. IT OUR VIEW THAT RICHTERMAN/COTE VISIT, IF SUCH CAN BE ARRANGED FOR WEEK TO TEN DAYS IN MAY, SHOULD PROCEED TO GIVE FINAL DEMONSTRATION OF US SIDE'S WILLINGNESS TO PUT PROJECT BACK ON FEET. IF VISIT DEVELOPS THAT OAPAM UNWILLING OR INCAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT MUTUALLY AGREED PROJECT OBJECTIVES, WE WOULD SUPPORT GRACEFUL WITHDRAWAL AND REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT BY OAPAM OF RSA FUNDS PREVIOUSLY DISBURSED AND REMAINING IN BLOCKED ACCOUNT. ANDERSON

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